

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

L O N D O N , Oct. 16. It is not yet decided in France, whether the King shall have the usual title of King of Navarre. This is left for future discussion.

The intentions of both the Court party and the mob in the late revolution in France, are every day more developed, and we are now competent to pronounce them with greater precision than we have been able to do hitherto. A revolution so important cannot be too much enquired into, and we shall therefore lay before our readers some further particulars on this subject, which may not be thought uninteresting.

Whether it was the King's principal desire to escape from Versailles prior to the late disturbances, is a matter not so easily to be ascertained, though it is natural to suppose it was; but this is certain that he was strongly solicited to it from several leading quarters. And he had resolution to do it; every thing was ready for his escape to M. de M., the horses were already harnessed in the royal stable, as well as relays of them sent forward — though in making the attempt the King must have run considerable risk. The journey from Paris is long, a d every town, nay village, through which he would have passed, are in arms, and would probably have done their utmost to stop his retreat, had he been discovered. The King's situation in this case, would have been more ignominious and abominable even than it is at present.

The parties, however, who advised the King's escape, had very opposite interests in view. The antocratic party, enraged to find all their schemes unsuccessful, employed every endeavor to frighten the court into a measure which should separate the King from the National Assembly, and produce an open rupture in the kingdom.

Another party, in the interest of the Duke of Orleans, seemed to hasten the King's departure in order that the throne might be declared vacant, and the Duke of Orleans proclaimed lieutenant general of the kingdom. Perhaps a more iniquitous plot was never contrived.

When the Marquis de Lafayette was introduced to the king at Versailles, he addressed him in these words: "Sire," says he, "I am come to offer you my head. I thought it best to come and shed my blood here in your service, than let it flow on the place of execution in Paris." He then told the king the object of his mission, and hoped his Majesty would not oppose it. The King made but little opposition.

American Inquisitiveness.

A gentleman who has passed through most parts of North America, observes, that wherever you bend your course, to whomsoever you address yourself, you are intently subject to a good humored, inquisitive, but very troublesome inquisition. Do you inquire your road? You are answered by a question

— "I suppose you come from the eastward, don't you?" Oppressed with fatigue, hunger and thirst, ard drenched, perhaps, with rain, you answer shortly in the affirmative, and repeat your enquiry: " — M—thinks you are in a mighty hafte: what news are there to the eastward?" — This is the only satisfaction you can obtain, till you have opened your real or pretended budget of news, and gratify the demanders curiosity. At an inn, the scrutiny is more minute: your name, quality and place of departure, and object of your journey, must all be declared to the family in some way or other (for their crudity is equal to their curiosity) before you can sit down in comfort to the necessary refreshment.

This curious spirit is intangible in the eastern states; and the gentleman who has favoured us with this article, has heard the celebrated Dr. Franklin, who is himself a Bostonian, relate with great plausibility, that in traveling, when he was young, the first step he took for his tranquility, and to obtain immediate attention at their inns, was to anticipate enquiry, by laying, "My name is Benjamin Franklin, I was born at Boston, am a printer by profession, am travelling to Philadelphia, shall return at such a time, and have no news — now what can you give me for dinner?"

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 12. Extract of a letter from Cape Francois. Orléans.

Buflnesses of every kind is flagranted here, and every thing in confusion — an embargo was had last these 5 days past, the town illumined, and inhabitants under arms every night, in consequence of an expected revolt of the negroes. All domestic affairs give place to the political. Scarcely a French native to be seen who has not a cockade composed of red, white and blue."

LEXINGTON, February 20. The General Assembly, have appointed JOHN HOWEL BRIGGS, THOMAS MADISON, CYRUS GRIFFIN, and CHARLES CARTER ESQRE, MEMBERS OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL OR COUNCIL OF STATE.

The SPEECH OF MONS. MOREAU DE ST MERRY, July 29, 1789. Translated from a paper printed at Paris, *Electors of Paris. Citizens, Frenchmen!*

THE glorious epoch is now arrived, when France quits her chains, emerges from her darkness, and is warmed to animation by the bright beams of the Sun of Liberty. The moment is of vast import, the prize is valuable: for she is the best rights of mankind and the happiness of millions, must now or never be affected and secured. If we succeed future ages shall honor us as heroes, shall worship us as deities, whilst our immediate and immense reward is, the salvation of our country. O Godlike Enthufiasm! The tear of joy bursts from my eyes, my full heart struggles with extacy, when I see how all assembled in a cause worthy of yourselves — the cause of freedom. Then be strenuous, be united, be made rate, yet be unbaken.

With mind enlightened, and with hearts sincere, we have long groaned in bondage, and been treated with ignominy, brave in character, generous in disposition, magnanimous in exertion, we have yet been slaves; but even then were patri-

* This is the person who a little before addressed his Majesty in these words:

"Sir, you have only to remember this powerful truth, that the thrones of kings can never be firmly fixed unless they have for a base, the love and fidelity of the people, then they are impregnable."

ots! Rejoice, ye men of wisdom! ye men of honor! ye men of virtue! The patriotism of France is now no longer prejudiced; it is now founded on reason, it is now fixed on truth. The abominable and inhuman engine of treacherous despotism is destroyed. The Bastille is annihilated, and the wretch who governed it, and who was worthy of his trust, is now no more; he has justly paid the price of his treachery; his infamy has met with its reward.

Yet let the remembrance of the tyranny of that state-prison live forever in your bosoms; recollect that its miserable victims were sacrificed with a shameful secrecy, at the altar of private malice. Alas! yes, without justice and without appeal, your fellow creatures, your countrymen, have languished away their lives in horrid dungeons, and through years of solitary confinement, have had no consolation but from phrenzy, no hope but death! I must pause; for the idea of such barbarity, and of such endurance, chokes my utterance, and overcomes me. O, my friends! it is necessary for us frequently to call to mind, that Kings are only respectable as they are useful; if they reign but for themselves, or sacrifice the public good to their private gratifications, they are to be considered as detestable monsters, and are only fit to be extirpated. A monarch possesses a multitude, but no natural superiority whatever. The original intent of his elevation was for the general advantage, and the people in conjunction, no longer bound to obey him, than he has merit to deserve above all.

Our present King, is, indeed, moderate and conciliating; he seems to place his confidence in the affection of his fellow citizens, he appears willing, in future, to exert his proper authority in the manner that he ought; but Sovereigns, from their situations, are generally revengeful, a d not royal innocence; flattery weakens their principles, and pride swallows their humanity. Besides the best of them are but too often the duces of dangerous men, and are liable to be governed by infamous women, or perfidious ministers, and are, for the most part, totally incapable of forming a fair estimate of their relative duties.

To prove this affliction true, we have only to consider the late pernicious counsels which had nearly induced our mild Monarch to bring his daughter to this castle. Yes; it certainly was the intention of the court to attack Paris, with army, which, on yore jome presumption and flaw-bred Noblemen, was to enforce submission by assassination, and to establish authority by blood. Nay, more this horrid plan was concerted under the auspices of an exalted female friend, and was to have been executed by villainous assassins, and royal informants. It, by the blessing of Heaven, has failed.

Adams of Frenchmen disdained to sacrifice their brethren; but nobly joined themselves in support of the common cause. By such conduct, they have not only covered themselves with laurels, which no time can wither but they have aught to do with the favor of all tyrants. But though the country has thus escaped partition, let us not be vainly disturbed, or suppose a merit where it does not exist; let us follow the example of the ancient Britons, and withhold from our chief magistrate the power of doing evil; — let him confer benefits, but not inflict chastisements; — let him parson, but not command.

Advanced so far in the great work of national reformation, powerful and collected as we are, it behoves us to avoid licentiousness and disorder; the enemies of the people deserve punishment; but, as men, they have a right a fair trial. We ought, indeed at this time to be severe, and, perhaps implacable, but at this time also we must be just. The first energy of a free people consists in the enforcement of wholeome and impartial laws: without which all must be avarice, violence, and depolation.

The administration of the laws of England is the first boast of the inhabitants of that country; yet, by facilitating the mode of obtaining justice, for all ranks of men, I trust we shall go beyond them, which is much superior to them in this respect, as I doubt not we shall be the possessors of general freedom.

Let us then take warning from the visible decay of the British constitution; let us prevent corruption, and render our country influence impossible; and let us

never suffer ourselves to be governed by artificial majorities, or violent ministers; for, from such causes, it is more than probable that Great-Britain will gradually sink into the wretched state of civil Bavery, from which we have so recently escaped. Nor have we any reason to respect or imitate the apparent principles of the present leading men in that country; for, do we not know, that a Lord Camelford, a near relative, and an intimate friend of the renowned Mr. Pitt, has dared, with a presumption equal to his folly, to publish a scurrilous work here, in support of arbitrary power, and in opposition to the dear & bright men. If such vipers are generated in Britain, they shall scatter their venom effectually in this liberated land; and should Englishmen be so foolish as to approve, France shall have the virtue to desist them.

O my dear countrymen, what a stuporous project now opens itself to our view — what a sight of glory and exaltation! Two my four millions of inhabitants, in the world's regaining, at once, their natural rights, and flitting into liberty — Unpeakable delight! Ignorance, oppression, servility, and prejudice, shall disappear, while wisdom, genius, and virtue, shall rejoice triumphant; we shall henceforth be unrivaled in renown, unmatched in industry, unequalled in riches, invincible in arms.

Frenchmen shall be the admiration of the globe, and France its everlasting Paragon.

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